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GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS TO FACILITATE SHIPPING SERVICES

STUDIES UNIFICATION OF MARITIME TRADE -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 30 Mar 50

Tientsin, 29 March (Hsin-hua) -- From 18 through 25 March 1950, the Maritime Bureau of the Ministry of Communications of the Central People's government held a conference to study the various problems pertaining to navigation and transportation in the north sea areas to keep commodities flowing regularly throughout the North, Northeast, and East China areas. Over 30 delegates attended, representing the Northeast China Maritime Bureau, North China Maritime Bureau, state-owned maritime firms of the various harbors in the area, and maritime administrative agencies.

The various problems studied included reduction of operation expenses, reorganization of management, etc. To facilitate maritime activities in this area, it was determined to establish definite shipping lanes, cut transportation rates, improve the control of harbors, unify the transportation organization and the management of docks.

36 HOURS FOR TIENTSIN-DAIREN FREIGHTER SERVICE -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

Effective 1 April 1950, regular freighter service will be started between Tientsin and Dairen. Ships will leave on the 1st, 11th, and 21st and return from Dairen on the 6th, 16th, and 26th of each month. The 234 nautical miles between the two ports can be covered in less than 36 hours. The first ship will leave on the morning of 1 April and will arrive in Dairen the following afternoon.

The freight rates for the entire route are divided into ten classes and calculated in terms of catties of millet per ton. The types of freight in each class are as follows:

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Rates in Catties per Ton</u>	<u>Type of Freight</u>
1st	307,476	Shark fins, sea slugs, linen and silk goods, toiletries, expensive furs
2d	227,682	Casings, canned goods, nonferrous metals, alloy products, leather goods
3d	168,714	Powdered milk, grape wine, wine, tanned sheepskin, cigarette paper, cellophane, aluminum utensils
4th	124,956	Raw hides, raw furs, horsehair, chemical dyes, shoes, alcohol, bird quills and down, tobacco
5th	96,174	Tobacco, meat, sugar, tea, gasoline, lubricating oil, cotton cloth, paper and paper products, asbestos
6th	73,944	Onions, tomatoes, watermelons, fish, bean oil, cottonseed oil, vehicle and boat accessories, stationery and books, glue, acid, alkali, and salt chemical products, wooden products
7th	59,202	Vegetables, rice flour, macaroni, kerosene, artificial building materials, cotton, various kinds of oil, linen and gunny sacks, matches
8th	47,268	Barley, cottonseed, peanuts, charcoal, wood, asphaltum, salt, cement, and magnetite
9th	41,184	Kaoliang, millet, soybeans, potatoes, hemp fibre, corn meal, ore, wood pulp, kiln frames, coal, rails, organic fertilizer, RR ties
10th	37,440	Mineral water, peat, dried dung, combustible shale

SOUTH ANHWEI SHIPS EGG PRODUCTS ABROAD -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 31 Mar 50

Under the 1949 contract signed with the Foreign Trade Corporation in East China, the South Anhwei Trading Corporation purchased a total of 23,000 cases of local egg products during 4 months between November 1949 and February 1950, and sent them to Shanghai for shipment abroad. About 15,000 cases were shipped abroad during November and December 1949; 5,000 cases in January, and 3,000 cases in February 1950.

POTASSIUM CHLORATE IMPORTS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

The North China Foreign Trade Control Bureau has temporarily suspended further imports of potassium chlorate since there is enough of this material in North China to last the rest of the year. Also, there is enough raw material in the Northwest to manufacture this product and eliminate imports, which would save foreign currency.

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LOANS 270 BILLION YUAN TO EXPORTERS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 29 May 50

Tientsin, 28 May -- During the past 4 months, the Bank of China in Tientsin extended loans of more than 270 billion yuan to Tientsin export firms to promote foreign trade. Of this amount, 88 percent was subscribed by private exporters.

HONG KONG-SOUTH KOREA TRADE REPORTED VERY SLACK -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 14 Apr 50

Merchants carrying on trade between Hong Kong and South Korea report that trade is very slack and some of them are turning to other ventures.

The reasons given for the condition are: (1) the small amount of specialized products available in Korea which makes it hard to carry on a two-way trade on a barter basis as is required; (2) the slight demand for such Korean products as are available; and (3) the monopolization of the South Korean market by US and Japanese goods.

REDUCES PILOTAGE, ANCHORAGE FEES -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

To facilitate the development of sea transport, the Tientsin Navigation Administration Bureau has decided that, effective 1 April 1950, the pilotage and change-of-anchorage fees will be reduced by more than 30 percent.

In the past, the pilotage fee from Tientsin to Ta-ku for a 500-1,000 ton class ship was 130 catties of corn meal (equivalent to about 117 catties of millet); and from T'ang-ku to Ta-ku, 70 catties of corn meal or 63 catties of millet. For ships of more than 1,200 tons, every additional ton was charged one catty of corn meal. As for the change-of-anchorage fee, one anchorage cost 700 catties of corn meal for any size ship.

The new fees call for 70 catties of millet for 500-1,000 ton ships from Tientsin to Ta-ku, 40 catties from T'ang-ku to Ta-ku; and for 1,001-1,500 ton ships, 80 catties for the former and 45 catties for the latter distance. For ships with a tonnage of more than 1,500, each additional ton will be charged 0.8 catty of millet. Similarly, the change-of-anchorage fee was changed to 200 catties of millet for each anchorage for 500-1,000 ton ships, 300 catties for 1,001-1,500 ton ships, 400 catties for 1,501-2,000 ton ships, and 500 catties for ships over 2,001 tons.

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